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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to water quality improvements and watershed
2 improvements and related funding.
3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:
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1 1 Section 1. Section 159.5, Code 2007, is amended by adding
1 2 the following new subsection:
1 3 NEW SUBSECTION. 15. In the administration of programs
1 4 relating to water quality improvement and watershed
1 5 improvements, cooperate with the department of natural
1 6 resources in order to maximize the receipt of federal funds.
1 7 Sec. 2. Section 455A.4, subsection 1, Code 2007, is
1 8 amended by adding the following new paragraph:
1 9 NEW PARAGRAPH. j. In the administration of programs
1 10 relating to water quality improvement and watershed
1 11 improvements, cooperate with the department of agriculture and
1 12 land stewardship in order to maximize the receipt of federal
1 13 funds.
1 14 Sec. 3. Section 466A.2, subsection 2, paragraph a, Code
1 15 2007, is amended to read as follows:
1 16 a. Enhancement of water quality in the state through a
1 17 variety of impairment-based, locally directed watershed
1 18 improvement grant projects. Innovative water quality projects
1 19 shall be encouraged.
1 20 Sec. 4. Section 466A.4, Code 2007, is amended by adding
1 21 the following new subsection:
1 22 NEW SUBSECTION. 1A. Public water supply utilities and
1 23 cities may also be eligible and apply for and receive local
1 24 watershed improvement grants for water quality improvement
1 25 projects. An applicant shall coordinate with a local
1 26 watershed improvement committee or a soil and water
1 27 conservation district and shall include in the application a
1 28 description of existing projects and any potential impact the
1 29 proposed project may have on existing or planned water quality
1 30 improvement projects.
1 31 Sec. 5. 2006 Iowa Acts, chapter 1145, section 4,
1 32 subsection 1, unnumbered paragraph 1, is amended to read as
1 33 follows:
1 34 A watershed quality planning task force is established
1 35 within the department of natural resources in cooperation with
2 1 the Iowa department of agriculture and land stewardship. By
2 2 ~~June 30~~, January 1, 2008, the task force shall report to the
2 3 general assembly its recommendations for a voluntary statewide
2 4 water quality program which is designed to achieve all of the
2 5 following goals:
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2 7 EXPLANATION
2 8 This bill relates to water quality improvements and
2 9 watershed improvements and related funding.
2 10 The bill requires the director of the department of natural
2 11 resources and the department of agriculture and land
2 12 stewardship to cooperate in administering programs relating to
2 13 water quality improvement and watershed improvements for
2 14 purposes of maximizing the receipt of federal funds.
2 15 The bill provides that innovative water quality projects
2 16 shall be encouraged under the watershed improvement fund.
2 17 The bill allows public water supply utilities and cities to
2 18 apply for a watershed improvement grant for water improvement
2 19 projects. The applicant shall coordinate with a local

2 19 watershed improvement committee or soil and water conservation
2 20 district and shall include a description of existing projects
2 21 and the potential impact of a proposed project.
2 22 Currently, the watershed quality planning task force is
2 23 required to report to the general assembly its recommendations
2 24 for a voluntary statewide water quality program by June 30,
2 25 2008. The bill changes the reporting date to January 1, 2008.
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